

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sean D Johnson on November 6, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

As per claim 22, the phrase "A computer readable medium having computer –executable instructions for performing a method, wherein said method comprises" has been replaced with the phrase --A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions comprising--

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As per claim 23, the phrase "clustering technique mapping comprises a method" has been replaced with the phrase --clustering technique mapping comprises--

As per claim 24 – 30, the phrase "wherein said method further comprises" has been replaced with the phrase --further comprises--

Response to Amendment

2. This action is in response to the request for review filed on July 31, 2008.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments see Page 5- 7, filed July 31, 2008, with respect to claims 1 - 40 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1 - 40 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1 - 40 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1 - 40 are allowable with respect to turbine engine diagnostic system where acquiring engine operating parameter first, calculating engine residual value from at least one engine operating parameter, and then normalizing at least one engine residual value to yield at least one normalized engine residual. However, the prior art reference, Pettigrew et al (US Pat No 5018069), used in the previous rejection shown turbine engine diagnostic system where creating normalized data first from acquired engine operating parameter then creating residual value data based on normalized engine parameter data; which does not disclose the same turbine engine diagnostic step. In stead, Pettigrew et al exhibit an opposite diagnostic step.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ian Jen whose telephone number is 571-270-3274. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00-5:00 (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Khoi Tran can be reached on 571-272-6919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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